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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Attached hereto is a copy of the recently received German Office Action. Also attached are copies of those references not already of record.

The German Office action states on page 2, after the list of four references:

The prior art of WO 02/00390 and DE 44 22 416 applies to claim 1. In particular DE 44 22 416 describe a method for working of workpieces in a machining apparatus with a workpiece spindle and a motor spindle, the workpiece being moved from the workpiece spindle by a transport device for machining in the working station of the motor spindle and being made ready in different

places. The features of DE 44 22 416 correspond generally to those defined in claim 1. As a result claim 1 is not allowable in its current form.

Claim 2 is anticipated by the prior art of DE 197 16 491.

Claims 3 to 6 are anticipated by the prior art of WO 02/00390.

Claims 7, 10, and 11 are anticipated by the combined state of the art of DE 44 22 416 and WO 02/00390.

Claims 8 and 9 are anticipated by the state of the art of DE 197 16 491.


To further prosecute the application it will be necessary to uncover patentable particularities of the invention and to direct new claims at them.

A patent will not issue on the patent application as it now stands.

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